

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West



Lahontan Reservoir on the Carson River, Photo Credit: Erin Curtis

Lahontan Dam and Reservoir on the Carson River in Nevada store the natural flow of the Carson River along with water diverted from the Truckee River. The dam, completed in 1915, is a zoned earthfill structure. The reservoir has a storage capacity of 289,700 acre-feet, in February the storage was around 36,000 acre-feet.

Lahontan Dam is part of the Newlands Project, one of the first Reclamation projects. The project provides irrigation water from the Truckee and Carson Rivers for about 57,000 acres of cropland in the Lahontan Valley near Fallon and bench lands near Fernley in western Nevada. In addition, water from about 6,000 acres of project land has been transferred to the Lahontan Valley Wetlands near Fallon.